

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS

SOUTH CAROLINA



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



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INDOOR
TRACK &
FIELD

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The women's basketball program's national title was the seventh overall in the athletic department's history. Four South Carolina programs now boast a National Championship, as the women join women's outdoor track and field (2002), baseball (2010, 2011) and equestrian (2005, 2007, 2015) on the list of Gamecock teams to win a national title.



South Carolina is the only Division I athletics program this decade to have at least one Top 4 national finish (championships and/or polls) each in football, men's and women's basketball and baseball.

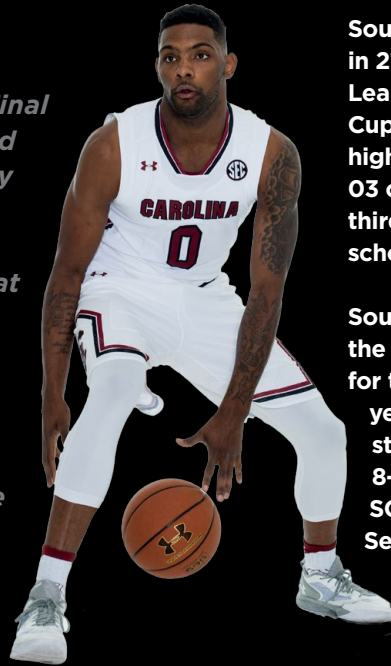
FINAL FOUR

South Carolina's double Final Four this year in men's and women's basketball is only the 13th time in NCAA history and the third time in SEC history that this feat has been accomplished.

Five South Carolina athletics teams have made the Elite 8 in NCAA Championships during the last 12 months: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf and women's soccer.

Sindarius Thornwell (men's basketball), A'ja Wilson (women's basketball), Savannah McCaskill (women's soccer-offensive) and Kaleigh Kurtz (women's soccer-defensive) earned SEC Player of the Year honors in their sports.

South Carolina won its 16th and 17th SEC Championships this year. The women's soccer team clinched the title on Oct. 23 and women's basketball followed that up on Feb. 26. Women's basketball won its 4th straight SEC Championship and 3rd straight SEC Tournament title.



South Carolina finished in 21st place in the Learfield Directors' Cup Standings, the highest since the 2002-03 campaign and the third-highest finish in school history.

South Carolina won the Palmetto Series for the second straight year, edging intra-state rival Clemson, 8-7. The Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series is sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) and is a year-long competition between the two schools in which points are awarded for the winners of head-to-head meetings in each sport. Points were also awarded for highest team GPA and for a food drive during the fall aimed at tackling hunger in their communities.



WHO WE ARE

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

Gamecock Athletics develops our student-athletes intellectually, athletically, socially, and culturally to relentlessly compete for championships and high levels of achievement at the University and throughout life in harmony with our University's mission and vision.

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS VISION STATEMENT

We serve as a source of pride and inspiration to our University, our state, our nation and the world by relentlessly competing for championships with integrity, character, and passion.

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS CORE VALUES

Integrity: We expect and consistently demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, sportsmanship and character.

Respect: We hold each other mutually accountable for upholding our values. We honor all people while celebrating each individual's culture, beliefs and ideas.

Positive Student-Athlete Experience: We provide an environment that supports each student-athlete's well-being and success by encouraging personal, academic, and athletic development while at USC and beyond.

Pursuit of Excellence: We passionately and relentlessly pursue the achievement of excellence throughout every aspect of our lives.

Stewardship: We are trustworthy stewards of the reputation of the University, our resources, our relationships, and the experiences of our stakeholders and will demonstrate stewardship through service to our community.





GAMECOCK GALA AWARDS



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award:
Chelsea Drennan
(women's soccer)



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award:
Jonathan Boland
(swimming and diving)



SEC Brad Davis Community
Service Award:
Maya Evans
(track and field)



SEC Brad Davis Community
Service Award:
Ive Burnett
(men's soccer)



Female New Student-Athletes of the Year:
Tyasha Harris
(women's basketball)
Mikayla Krzeczowski
(women's soccer)



Male New Student-Athlete of the Year:
Jake Bentley
(football)



Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year:
Bailey Mierzejewski
(equestrian)



Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year:
Jonathan Boland
(swimming and diving)



Community Outreach Team of the Year:
Indoor Volleyball



Female Athlete of the Year:
A'ja Wilson
(women's basketball)



Male Athlete of the Year:
Sindarius Thornwell
(men's basketball)



Gamecock Inspiration Award:
Elliott Fry
(football)



President's Award:
Chelsea Drennan
(women's soccer)

GAMECOCK
**TEAM
MVPs**



Baseball:
Gene Cone



Women's Basketball:
A'ja Wilson



Men's Basketball:
Sindarius Thornwell



Beach Volleyball:
**Adrianna Culbert and
Katie Zimmerman**



Cheerleading:
Caroline Rietkovich



Carolina Girls Dance Team:
Addison Lewis



Cross Country:
Mary Reiser



Equestrian:
Bailey Mierzejewski



Football:
**Jake Bentley and
Deebo Samuel**



Women's Golf:
Katelyn Dambaugh



Men's Golf:
Keenan Huskey



Women's Soccer:
Chelsea Drennan



Men's Soccer:
Julian Veen Uidal



Softball:
Kaylea Snaer



Women's Swimming and Diving:
Emma Barksdale



Men's Swimming and Diving:
Akram Mahmoud



Women's Tennis:
Brigit Folland



Men's Tennis:
Harrison O'Keefe



Women's Outdoor Track and Field:
Natasha Dicks



Women's Indoor Track and Field:
Rougui Sow



Men's Outdoor Track and Field:
Dondre Echols



Men's Indoor Track and Field:
Josh Awotunde



Volleyball:
Mikayla Shields



BASEBALL

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

South Carolina claimed 13 wins against Top 25 competition in 2017.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 35-25
CONFERENCE: 13-17 (5TH EAST)

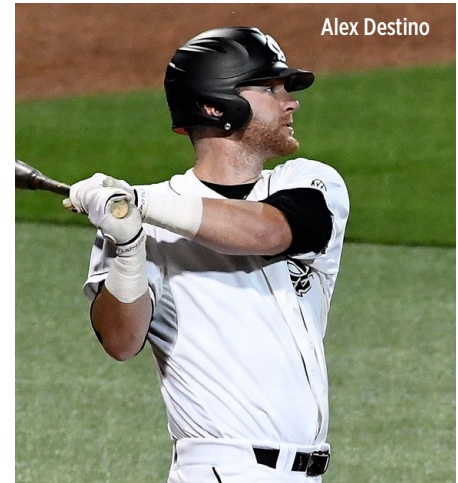
- South Carolina finished the season 35-25 with a 13-17 record in the SEC. Carolina advanced to the semifinals of the 2017 SEC Tournament, the school's first appearance in the semifinals since the 2007 season.
- Junior third baseman **Jonah Bride** and freshman outfielder **Carlos Cortes** were named to the 2017 SEC All-Tournament Team.
- Outfielder **Carlos Cortes** was named a member of the 2017 Perfect Game, d1Baseball.com and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Freshman All-America Team.
- The following Gamecocks were taken in the 2017 MLB Draft: **Clark Schmidt** (1st Round-New York Yankees), **Wil Crowe** (2nd Round-Washington Nationals), **Tyler Johnson** (5th Round-Chicago White Sox), **Alex Destino** (14th Round-Chicago White Sox), **Josh Reagan** (15th Round-Oakland A's) and **John Parke** (21st Round-Chicago White Sox).
- On June 30, **Mark Kingston** was named the 30th head coach in the history of South Carolina baseball. Kingston comes to Carolina following a three-year stint as head coach at South Florida. He was also the head coach at Illinois State for five seasons. He has also been an assistant at Miami, Tulane and Purdue. Kingston owns a career mark of 253-180-1 in eight seasons as a head coach, with three NCAA appearances in that eight-year span.



Carlos Cortes



Clark Schmidt



Alex Destino



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Chad Holbrook:** Head Coach
- Jerry Meyers:** Associate Head Coach
- Sammy Esposito:** Assistant Coach
- Brian Buscher:** Volunteer Coach
- Tyson Lusk:** Director of Operations
- Blake Cooper:** Student Assistant
- Katherine Brown:** Administrative Assistant
- Billy Anderson:** Director of Sport Performance
- Ryan Fischer:** Director of Equipment
- Brainard Cooper:** Athletic Trainer
- Katie Ethridge:** Academic Advisor
- Andrew Kitick:** Media Relations Contact



MEN'S BASKETBALL

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

The Gamecocks broke the school record with 26 victories, and made the program's first-ever Final Four appearance.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 26-11
CONFERENCE: 12-6 (T-3RD)

- After making its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2004, the No. 7-seeded Gamecocks upset two-seed Duke, three-seed Baylor and four-seed Florida in the East Region to make the Final Four for the first time in school history.
- South Carolina's 93-73 win over Marquette in the first round of the tournament marked the Gamecocks' first NCAA Tournament win since 1973.
- **Frank Martin** was named the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year.
- After the Cinderella run to the Final Four, the Gamecocks ended the season ranked No. 6 in the USA Today Coaches Poll.
- **Sindarius Thornwell** was selected as the 48th pick in the 2017 NBA draft, and will begin his professional career with the Los Angeles Clippers.
- **PJ Dozier** signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Lakers.
- **Thornwell** was named the SEC Player of the Year by the conference's coaches and was a unanimous selection to the All-SEC first team and the All-Defensive team.



Frank Martin

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Frank Martin:** Head Coach
- Matt Figger:** Associate Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
- Perry Clark:** Assistant Coach
- Bruce Shingler:** Assistant Coach
- Andy Assaley:** Director of Basketball Operations
- Scott Greenawalt:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Doug Edwards:** Student-Athlete Development
- Mark Rodger:** Athletic Trainer
- Jay Gibbons:** Director of Men's Basketball Video Services
- Dushawn Davis:** Director of Social Media
- Jarett Gerald:** Special Assistant to Head Men's Basketball Coach
- Brian Steele:** Student Assistant Coach
- Ryan McIntyre:** Graduate Student Manager
- Mac Credille:** Equipment Manager
- Rochelle Robinson:** Academic Advisor
- Susan Hook:** Administrative Assistant
- Chris Leevy Johnson:** Life Coach
- Emily Miles:** Media Relations Contact



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

South Carolina won the program's first NCAA National Championship, defeating Mississippi State 67-55 on April 2 in Dallas, Texas.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 33-4
CONFERENCE: 14-2 (1ST)

- Junior **A'ja Wilson** earned Final Four Most Outstanding Player honors and junior **Allisha Gray** made the Final Four All-Tournament Team.
- South Carolina won the SEC regular-season championship for the fourth straight year and the SEC Tournament for the third consecutive year. Only one other program (Tennessee) has won that many consecutive league titles of either type.
- Two-time SEC Player of the Year **A'ja Wilson** was a finalist for all three major national player of the year awards - Wooden Award, Wade Trophy and Naismith Trophy - and a unanimous First-Team All-American. Wilson is just the fourth woman to be named SEC Player of the Year and Final Four MOP in the same season, joining Candace Parker, Chamique Holdsclaw and Bridgette Gordon (all of Tennessee).
- **Alaina Coates** joined Wilson on the All-SEC First Team, becoming the first Gamecock to earn All-SEC honors all four years of her career.
- Three Gamecocks were among the first 10 picks in the 2017 WNBA Draft, led by a pair of top-five picks. **Alaina Coates** became the program's highest ever selection at No. 2 (Chicago Sky) with **Allisha Gray** taken at No. 4 (Dallas Wings) and **Kaela Davis** going at No. 10 (Dallas Wings).
- The Gamecocks had a SEC-best 12 wins against top-25-ranked teams, including eight top-10 wins - just three coming at home.



A'ja Wilson



Alaina Coates



Kaela Davis

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Dawn Staley:** Head Coach
- Lisa Boyer:** Associate Head Coach
- Nikki McCray-Penson:** Assistant Coach
- Fred Chmiel:** Assistant Coach
- Cynthia Jordan:** Director of Basketball Operations
- Freddy Ready:** Director of Player Development
- Ariana Moore:** Special Assistant to Head Coach
- Hudson Jacobs:** Video Coordinator
- Marcella Shorty:** Athletic Trainer
- Katie Fowler:** Sports Performance Coach
- Xavier Shannon:** Academic Advisor
- Dianne Palmer:** Administrative Assistant
- Markeshia Grant:** Head Manager
- Diana Koval:** Media Relations Contact



BEACH VOLLEYBALL

SUCCESS ON THE SAND

The Gamecocks made their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 23-11
CONFERENCE: 11-5 (3RD)

- The team's 23 wins this season are the most in program history.
- **Ali Denney** and **Katie Smith** earned CCSA All-Freshman Team honors.
- After upsetting No. 11 FIU on March 4, the Gamecocks entered the AVCA Coaches Top-15 poll for the first time in program history.
- South Carolina had five wins over AVCA Top-15 teams this season; it had just one in the program's first three seasons combined.
- Senior **Jade Vitt** and junior **Macie Tendrich** eclipsed 60 career wins this season, making them the first two student-athletes to break 60 in program history.
- Junior **Julia Mannisto** and freshman **Carly Schnieder** became the third pair in program history to reach 20 dual wins in a single season.
- Ten different Gamecock individuals won at least 20 matches in 2017. Just seven Gamecocks won 20 or more matches in a season in the program's first three years combined.
- The team finished the season ranked 8th in the AVCA Coaches Poll and was ranked in the poll for 11 straight weeks.
- Junior **Macie Tendrich** represented the United States at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, and won the bronze medal.



Ali Denney



Katie Smith



Macie Tendrich

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Moritz Moritz:** Head Coach
- RJ Abella:** Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
- Luke Higgs:** Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Alyssa Taylor:** Director of Beach Volleyball Operations
- Keith Scruggs:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Sydney Suppa:** Athletic Trainer
- Courtney Smith, Collin Wilson:** Student Managers
- Joe Kepler:** Media Relations Contact



CROSS COUNTRY

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

South Carolina won three meets and improved from its 2015 finish at the NCAA regional meet.

HIGHLIGHTS

SEC: 13TH
NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL: 24TH

- The Gamecocks earned the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team nod again for the 16th-straight season, ranking 16th in the country.
- All 15 of the eligible students made the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.
- The Gamecocks won the Gamecock Invitational on Oct. 4, the Winthrop/Adidas Invitational on Sept. 17 and the Carolina Challenge on Sept. 3.
- Carolina finished 13th at the SEC Championships, Oct. 28, in Fayetteville, Ark. with **Mary Reiser** placing 61st with a time of 22:09.9, the top Gamecock finisher.
- The Gamecocks finished 24th in the NCAA Southeast Regionals, held Nov. 11, in Earlysville, Va. **Mary Reiser** was Carolina's top finisher, placing 74th with a time of 22:06.4.



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Curtis Frye:** Head Coach
- Andrew Allden:** Assistant Coach/Cross Country, Distances
- Scott Gardner:** Athletic Trainer
- Xavier Shannon:** Academic Advisor
- Keith Scruggs:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Koby Padgett:** Media Relations Contact





EQUESTRIAN

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Caroline Gute** (reining) was named NCEA First Team All-America, while **Chloe Schmidt** (equitation on the flat) and **Bridgett White** (reining) were Honorable Mention All-America picks
- **Bailey Mierzejewski** was named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive season.
- **Caroline Gute** was named SEC Reining Rider of the Year as a freshman
- Carolina led the nation with nine NCEA Academic First Team selections and 28 NCEA Honor Roll selections
- During the 2016-17 season, Carolina defeated 5th-ranked Baylor, 12-6, on Sept. 23, 2nd-ranked Georgia, 9-8, on Oct. 9, 10th-ranked New Mexico State, 11-8, on Oct. 21, 10th-ranked TCU, 9-8, on Feb. 12, and 7th-ranked SMU, 7-5, on March 4.
- **Paige Stopperich** (horsemanship) earned SEC Rider of the Month honors for October.
- **Madison Butehorn** (equitation over fences) and **Madison Thiel** (reining) earned SEC Rider of the Month honors for September.
- **Bailey Walters** went 2-0 in reining at the SEC Championship, winning MOP honors in both competitions.
- Junior **Paige Stopperich** won the American Quarter Horse Association's Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation World Championship in November at Oklahoma City.



Bailey Mierzejewski



Caroline Gute

The Gamecocks won their NCEA Championship First Round match over No. 11 South Dakota State, 15-1, the most lopsided postseason win in school history, and advanced to the national quarterfinals for the third time in the last four years.

OVERALL RECORD: 7-9
CONFERENCE: 1-5



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Boo Major:** Head Coach
- Ruth Sorrel:** Associate Head Coach/Western Coach
- Hillary Dobbs:** Assistant Coach/Hunt Seat
- Maggie Barton:** Barn Manager
- Keith Scruggs:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Krista Burrows:** Athletic Trainer
- Bridgett Tabor:** Academic Advisor
- Rob Walden:** Media Relations Contact



FOOTBALL

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Gamecocks finished the season with a 6-7 record, including a 3-5 mark in the SEC. The six wins doubled the win total from 2015 and the three SEC wins was a two-game improvement over 2015.
- The Gamecocks played in the Birmingham Bowl. It marked the 12th time in the last 13 years that the squad was bowl-eligible.
- 13 true freshmen saw game action during the 2016 season, including seven who started, matching Maryland, Ole Miss and Texas for the most true freshmen starters in the country.
- Deep snapper **Drew Williams** (Steele's All-America Fourth Team); defensive end **Darius English** (AP All-SEC Second Team, Steele's All-SEC Third Team); wide receiver **Bryan Edwards** (Athlon's Second Team Freshman All-America and SEC All-Freshman First Team); running back **Rico Dowdle** (Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team); defensive lineman **D.J. Wonnum** (Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team); and kick return **A.J. Turner** (Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team) were postseason award winners.

OVERALL RECORD: 6-7
CONFERENCE: 3-5 (5TH, EAST)

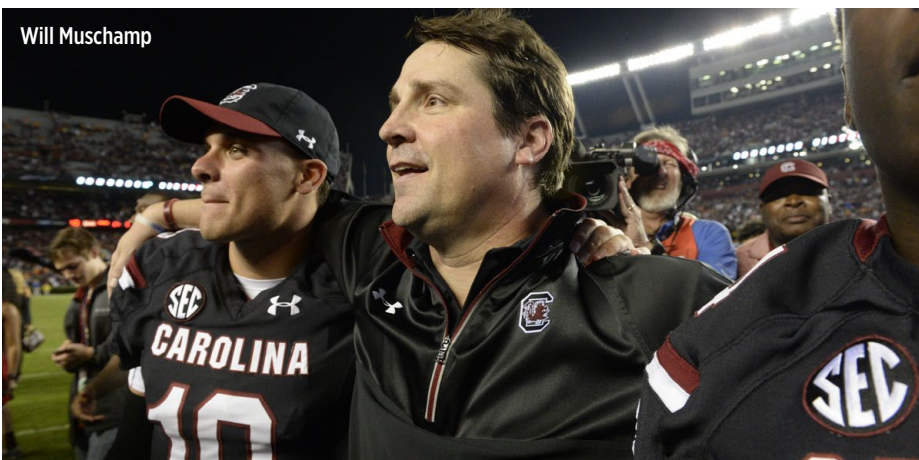
The Gamecocks won four of five games coming out of their bye week, highlighted by a win over No. 18 Tennessee, to propel them to a postseason bowl bid.



Rico Dowdle



Darius English



Will Muschamp

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Will Muschamp: Head Coach
Bobby Bentley: Running Backs
Shawn Elliott: Offensive Line
Coleman Hutzler: Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
Bryan McClendon: Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
Mike Peterson: Outside Linebackers
Travaris Robinson: Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Kurt Roper: Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Lance Thompson: Asst. Head Coach: Defense/Defensive Line
Pat Washington: Tight Ends
Jeff Dillman: Director of Strength & Conditioning
Jamie Speronis: Associate AD - Football Operations
Robbie Liles: Director of Player Personnel
Joey Blake: Director of Football Nutrition
Andre Goodman: Director - Player Development
Charles Jackson Jr.: Director - Player Development
Joe Lisle: Assistant A.D. - Video Operations
Larry Waters: Director of Football Equipment Operations
Clyde Wrenn: Director of High School Relations
Jessica Jackson: Director of On-Campus Recruiting
Kristin Sheetz: Director of External Communications

Brian Turk: Assistant Director: Recruiting
Shaq Wilson: Assistant Director - Recruiting
Ellis Johnson: Analyst
Kyle Krantz: Analyst
Demarco McNeil: Analyst
Scott Spurrier: Analyst
Seth Strickland: Analyst
Omar Young: Analyst
David Feeley: Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Corey Jenkins: Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Roy Upchurch: Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Cedric Williams: Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Shuler Hayes: Assistant Director of Football Equipment Operations
Kim Fields: Assistant to Head Football Coach & Director of Operations
Charity Grady: Coordinator of Offensive Operations
Carina Hargreaves: Coordinator of Defensive Operations
Clint Haggard: Head Football Athletic Trainer
Daryl Faulkner: Assistant Football Athletic Trainer
Rachel Sharpe: Assistant Football Athletic Trainer
Steve Fink: Assistant Athletics Director, Media Relations



SEC: 5TH • NCAA WEST LAFAYETTE REGIONAL: 9TH

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Keenan Huskey** and **Scott Stevens** had two of the finest seasons in school history. Huskey's team-leading 70.63 scoring average was the third lowest in school history. Stevens' 71.26 scoring average was the fifth lowest all-time at Carolina and the lowest ever by a sophomore. Both numbers ranked in the top-15 of the SEC, the nation's premier collegiate golf conference.
- The Gamecocks advanced to the first ever SEC Match Play with a fifth place finish in the stroke play portion of the SEC Championship on April 22. **Huskey** (T-9), **Jamie Wilson** (T-16) & **Stevens** (T-23) all finished in the top-25 individually in stroke play. Wilson shot a career-low 66 in the final round to propel Carolina to the match play quarterfinals.
- Team made its 10th appearance in the last 11 seasons under McDonald in the postseason at the NCAA West Lafayette Regional. The Gamecocks finished ninth in what was ranked the hardest NCAA Regional by *Golfweek*. It snapped a program record four-straight trips to the NCAA Championship.
- **Huskey** and **Stevens** were each Second Team All-SEC selections, the 13 and 14th all-league honors under McDonald. The duo was also named PING All-Southeast Region by the Golf Coaches Association of America.
- Team won the Hootie At Bulls Bay Intercollegiate for the third consecutive season. The win marked McDonald's 20th as head coach, adding to his program record for tournament victories.
- **Huskey** was named an Honorable Mention All-American by *Golfweek*, marking the 37th All-America laurels in program history. He's the 22nd different player all-time to be deemed one of the nation's best. He's the seventh different All-American under McDonald, whose student-athletes have produced 15 All-America honors in his 10 seasons as head coach.



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Keenan Huskey

Bill McDonald



Scott Stevens

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Bill McDonald:** Head Coach
- Jake Amos:** Associate Head Coach
- Ryan Holroyd:** Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Marci Saltzman:** Administrative Assistant
- Alex Buchman:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Tim Bailey:** Athletic Trainer
- Al Daniel:** Academic Advisor
- Michael DeBates:** Media Relations Contact



WOMEN'S GOLF

SUCCESS ON THE COURSE

HIGHLIGHTS

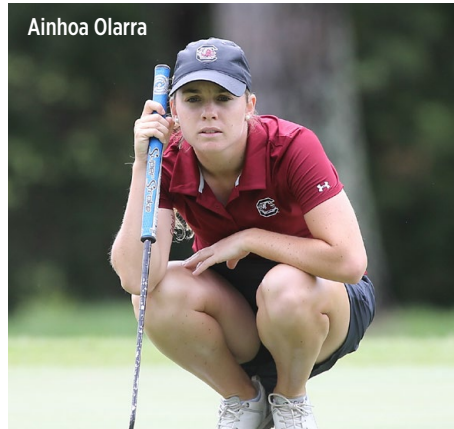
- Carolina's three All-Americans this season marked the most in one season in program history. Senior **Katelyn Dambaugh** collected First-Team honors from *Golfweek* and Second Team laurels from the WGCA, while junior **Ainhoa Olarra** was tabbed an All-American Honorable Mention by both publications. Newcomer **Ana Pelaez**, the first freshman in school history to receive All-America honors, was named a *Golfweek* All-American Honorable Mention.
- The Gamecocks have boasted multiple All-Americans in each of the last four years.
- Carolina captured a share of the 2017 NCAA Columbus Regional - The Gamecocks have won five regional championships (2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017) in the last eight years, and this spring's victory was the 10th tournament win for Carolina under coach **Kalen Anderson**.
- Carolina placed 10th at the 2017 NCAA Championship, earning a top-10 finish at the event for the fourth time in program history.
- **Pelaez** captured medalist honors at the NCAA Columbus Regional, earning her first collegiate victory.
- South Carolina finished the season ranked No. 12 in the final Golfstat Rankings (May 25). Three Gamecocks finished in the top 50 individually - Dambaugh (No. 9), Pelaez (No. 33) and Olarra (No. 38)

SEC: T-5TH
 NCAA COLUMBUS REGIONAL: T-1ST
 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 10TH

The Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship for the eighth-straight year - Carolina is one of just four schools to reach the event in each of the last eight years.



Katelyn Dambaugh



Ainhoa Olarra



Ana Pelaez



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Kalen Anderson:** Head Coach
- Puggy Blackmon:** Assoc. Head Coach & Director of Golf Development & Facilities
- Larry Mattox:** Volunteer Coach
- Brittany Williams:** Athletic Trainer
- Billy Anderson:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Rochelle Robinson:** Academic Advisor
- Marci Saltzman:** Administrative Assistant
- Scott Waggoner:** Media Relations Contact



MEN'S SOCCER

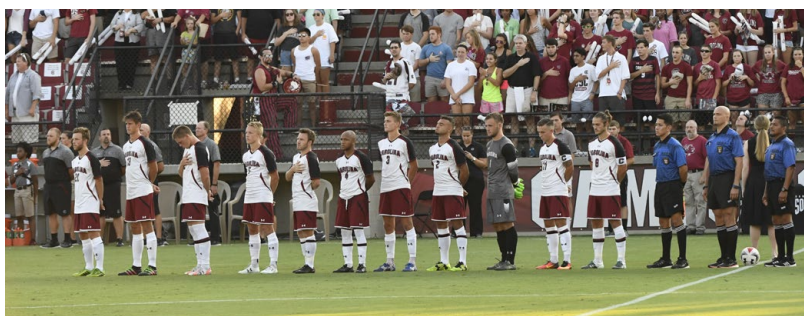
SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

South Carolina earned its second straight NCAA appearance and the 22nd in the program's history.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 11-8-2
CONFERENCE: 5-2-1 (3RD)

- Carolina advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, falling at #3 Clemson, 2-1 in overtime. The Gamecocks defeated Mercer, 1-0, in the first round of the tournament.
- The Gamecocks were 35th in the final NCAA RPI (Nov. 14) and received votes in the final NSCAA Coaches Poll.
- The team broke the single-game attendance record at Stone Stadium on Aug. 26, when 6,892 fans attended the home opener vs. Clemson.
- Nine Gamecocks earned all-conference recognition from Conference USA led by senior **Danny Deakin**, who was named First Team All-C-USA for the second straight season. The nine all-conference laurels were the most in program history.
- **Deakin** finished the regular season tied for third in the league with 20 points (7G, 6A). He was one of only two players in the top-10 of the individual points lists for goals and assists. He tied for the league lead with five game-winning goals.
- **Deakin** and senior **Kurtis Turner** were named NSCAA All-Southeast Region. Deakin earned first team honors for the second straight season, while Turner was on the third team.
- Senior **Ive Burnett** was the recipient of the SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award.
- **Deakin** was selected in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft by Orlando City SC with the 20th overall pick in the third round on Jan. 17. It was the club's only pick in the draft. Deakin signed his contract with the team on March 3 and is currently playing for their USL team, Orlando City B.



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Mark Berson:** Head Coach
- Justin Cook:** Assistant Coach
- Tyler Kettering:** Assistant Coach
- Denny Sago:** Volunteer Assistant
- Keith Scruggs:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Brainard Cooper:** Athletic Trainer
- Bridgette Tabor:** Academic Advisor
- Michael DeBates:** Media Relations Contact



WOMEN'S SOCCER

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

OVERALL RECORD: 21-2-1 • CONFERENCE: 11-0-0 (1ST)

The Gamecocks set program records for wins and wins over ranked opponents, and advanced to the Elite Eight round of the NCAA tournament.



Kaleigh Kurtz



Savannah McCaskill

HIGHLIGHTS

- Carolina finished with the top winning percentage (.896) in Division I.
- The Gamecocks went 17-0-1 in the regular season, becoming the first team in SEC soccer history to go unbeaten in the regular season.
- South Carolina was listed at No. 5 in the final NSCAA Poll. The ranking marked the team's best finish in school history.
- South Carolina's undefeated SEC record earned it the program's second regular-season league title and first conference championship since 2011.
- Carolina reached the NCAA Elite Eight for the second time in the last three seasons. The Gamecocks have reached the NCAA Tournament in nine of the last 10 seasons.

- In a voting of SEC coaches, **Shelley Smith** was named the league's Coach of the Year while Forward **Savannah McCaskill** was voted the SEC Offensive Player of the Year and Defender **Kaleigh Kurtz** was the SEC Defensive Player of the Year. Midfielder **Chelsea Drennan**, Defender **Paige Bendell** and Goalkeeper **Mikayla Krzeczowski** joined McCaskill and Kurtz on the first-team All-SEC team. Forward **Sophie Groff** was named second-team All-SEC and Krzeczowski earned SEC All-Freshman honors.

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Shelley Smith: Head Coach**
- Jamie Smith: Associate Head Coach**
- Clark McCarthy: Assistant Coach**
- Alex Buchman: Strength and Conditioning Coach**
- Stephanie Rosehart: Athletic Trainer**
- Bridgett Tabor: Academic Advisor**
- Scott Waggoner: Media Relations Contact**



Chelsea Drennan





SOFTBALL

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

The Gamecocks reached the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive season.

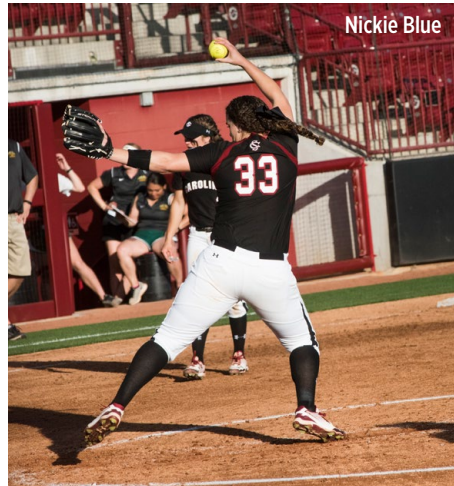
HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 34-25
CONFERENCE: 8-15 (10TH)

- South Carolina finished 22nd in the final NCAA RPI rankings.
- The Gamecocks finished the season tied for 25th in the final NFCA Coaches Poll, the first time the program has finished the season ranked in the final poll since 2007.
- South Carolina advanced to its third regional final in five years under Beverly Smith.
- Freshman **Mackenzie Boesel** made the SEC All-Freshman Team and led the Gamecocks in 11 offensive categories. She's the first Gamecock freshman to lead the team in the Triple Crown categories of batting average, home runs and RBI. She set new freshman records with her 10 home runs and .441 on-base percentage.
- Senior **Jessica Elliott** tossed the first solo no-hitter in seven years with her five-inning blanking of Winthrop in the first game of Feb. 28's doubleheader.
- Senior **Nickie Blue** finished her Carolina career 3rd in NCAA history and second in the SEC in career saves with 22.
- Senior **Kaylea Snaer** set new standards at South Carolina in doubles per game (0.25), walks (116) and walks per game (0.51). She also garnered the first-base spot on the SEC All-Defensive Team.
- The Gamecocks defeated top-ranked Florida State, 7-2, on April 14. It was the program's fourth win since 1995 against the nation's top-ranked team.



Kaylea Snaer



Nickie Blue



Jessica Elliott



Mackenzie Boesel

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Beverly Smith:** Head Coach
- Lisa Navas:** Associate Head Coach
- Calvin Beamon:** Assistant Coach
- Matt Stewart:** Volunteer Assistant
- Kacey Friedman:** Director of Softball Operations
- Renada Davis:** Graduate Student Manager
- Ryan Waterbury:** Strength and Conditioning Coach
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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

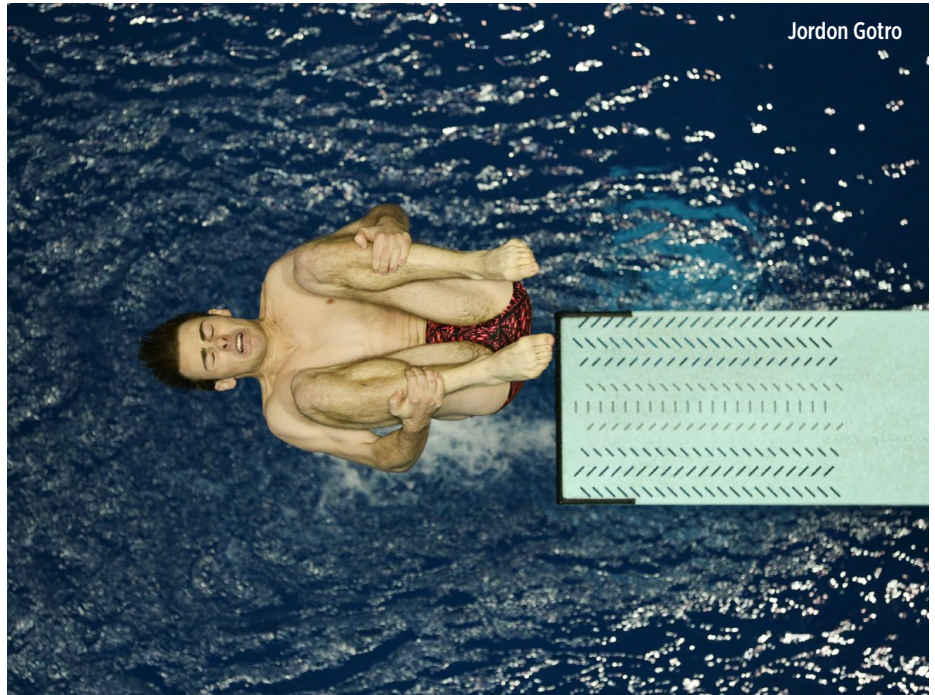
SUCCESS IN THE POOL

The Gamecocks placed 15th in the NCAA Championships, the program's highest finish in 29 years.

HIGHLIGHTS

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 8TH
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 15TH

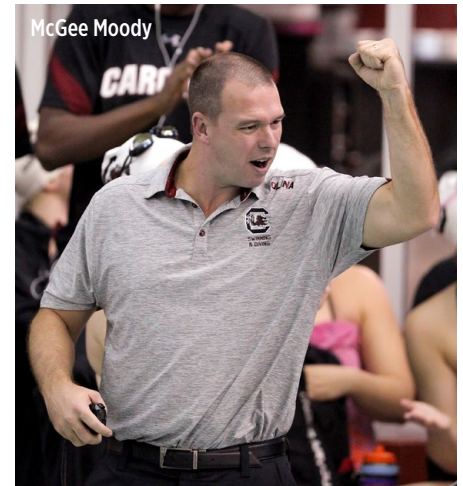
- The Gamecocks finished with five different student-athletes earning All-America status: **Cody Bekemeyer** (800 free relay, 1650 free), **Nils Wich-Glasen** (100 breast, 200 breast), **Akram Mahmoud** (800 free relay, 500 free, 1650 free), **Fynn Minuth** (800 free relay, 500 free, 200 fly) and **Tomas Peribonio** (800 free relay, 500 free, 400 IM, 1650 free).
- Jordan Gotro** (1-meter, platform) also qualified for the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships.
- South Carolina finished 8th at the SEC Championships. **Akram Mahmoud** successfully defended his SEC title in the 1650 freestyle and became the first male to win an individual title for Carolina in consecutive years since 2000-01. **Cody Bekemeyer** placed 3rd in the 1650 free as well. **Nils Wich-Glasen** placed second and won the silver medal in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. **Fynn Minuth** won the gold in the 500 freestyle and won the bronze in the 200 freestyle.
- Akram Mahmoud** and **Fynn Minuth** were first-team All-SEC selections while Cody Bekemeyer and Nils Wich-Glasen were second-team All-SEC picks.
- South Carolina set a total of 21 school records and 81 personal records during the SEC Championships, for both men's and women's teams.
- Freshman **Will Riggs** earned USA Swimming 18 & Under World 100 recognition for his time in the 200 butterfly.



Jordan Gotro



Fynn Minuth



McGee Moody



Akram Mahmoud

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- McGee Moody:** Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach
- Todd Sherritt:** Head Diving Coach
- Mark Bernardino:** Associate Head Coach
- Kevin Swander:** Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
- Erin Mullins:** Assistant Coach
- Josh Morgan:** Director of Aquatic Strength
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

SUCCESS IN THE POOL

South Carolina claimed two diving gold medals at the SEC Championship, as Allyson Nied won the platform while Julia Vincent claimed gold in the 3-meter competition.

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 9TH
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 38TH



Emma Barksdale



Julia Vincent

HIGHLIGHTS

- South Carolina placed 38th at the NCAA Championships, buoyed by a 13th place All-American finish by **Allyson Nied** in platform diving. **Emma Barksdale** received All-American honors in the 400 IM, placing 13th, and also set a school record in the 200 IM.
- The Gamecocks placed 9th at the SEC Championships, in Knoxville, Tenn. The team posted its highest finish since placing 8th in 2012.
- **Todd Sherritt** was named the SEC Women's Diving Coach of the Year by his peers. Divers Julia Vincent and Allyson Nied were also named first-team All-SEC. Albury Higgs was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team (400 IM, 100 Breast, 200 Breast).
- South Carolina set a total of 21 school records and 81 personal records during the SEC Championships, for both men's and women's teams.
- Three Gamecock women's divers qualified for the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships - **Julia Vincent** (1-meter, 3-meter), **Mikaela Lujan** (1-meter, 3-meter) and **Allyson Nied** (platform). Vincent won the 1-meter and set a new school record at the NCAA Diving Zone Championships. Nied won the platform and also set a new school record at Zones.



Allyson Nied



Albury Higgs

- Sophomore **Emma Barksdale** earned USA Swimming 18 & Under World 100 recognition for her time in the 400 IM. The list of 50 men and 50 women was selected according to their highest 18 & under world ranking in an individual Olympic event. Barksdale holds a world ranking of 22.
- With the Gamecocks' 177-123 win at Arkansas on Nov. 4, head coach **McGee Moody** notched his 100th victory as South Carolina's head coach.

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

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 Recruiting Coordinator
Erin Mullins: Assistant Coach
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MEN'S TENNIS

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

The Gamecocks finished the season 21-7 overall, the most wins for the program since 1997-98.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 21-7
CONFERENCE: 9-3 (3RD)

- The team finished 9-3 in SEC play, tying a program-best regular season SEC finish at third place.
- The Gamecocks earned an NCAA bid for the first time since 2013-14 and advanced to the second round, defeating East Tennessee in the first round and falling to North Carolina in the second round.
- Carolina finished 21st in the final ITA rankings.
- The Gamecocks had two top-25 wins, defeating #17-ranked Mississippi State, 4-3, and #23 Kentucky, 4-3.
- Junior **Harrison O'Keefe** was named to the first-team All-SEC squad while junior **Gabriel Friedrich** was named second-team All-SEC.
- Junior **Harrison O'Keefe** was named SEC Athlete of the Week three times, including two weeks in a row (March 22-29).
- **Friedrich** finished the season ranked 46th in the final Oracle ITA Division I Rankings. He was 26-14 in singles play this year, 14-8 in dual matches, notching six wins over ranked opponents in the spring.
- **Harrison O'Keefe** finished the season ranked 70th in the ITA Rankings, with a 27-15 overall record, 18-10 in the SEC.
- The doubles team of **Harrison O'Keefe** and **Yancy Dennis** finished the season ranked 16th nationally.
- **Harrison O'Keefe** and **Gabriel Friedrich** earned NCAA bids in the singles competition while O'Keefe and Yancy Dennis earned a berth into the NCAA doubles field.



Gabriel Friedrich



Harrison O'Keefe



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Josh Goffi:** Head Coach
- Kyle Bailey:** Assistant Coach
- Pablo Bellagamba:** Assistant Coach
- Arulram Sriram:** Director of Operations
- Patrick Sarni:** Athletic Trainer
- David Terry:** Stringer
- Rochelle Robinson:** Academic Advisor
- Tyson Blanton:** Media Relations Contact



WOMEN'S TENNIS

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

South Carolina reached the NCAA Round of 16 for the first time since 2009.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL RECORD: 20-8
CONFERENCE: 8-5 (4TH)

- The Gamecocks finished the season with a 20-8 overall record, and ranked 15th in the final ITA rankings.
- Freshman **Mia Horvit** was named to the ITA All-America Singles Team. She is the first Gamecock singles All-American under the direction of head coach Kevin Epley. The freshman was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team and the All-SEC Second Team, becoming the first Gamecock rookie to be named to the All-SEC Second Team since Ana Marija Zubori received the honor in 2007.
- **Horvit** finished the season ranked 46th in the final ITA Rankings while sophomore **Ingrid Gamarra Martins** was ranked 48th. Horvit had a 27-12 overall record, and Martins was 18-17 overall and made the second round of the NCAA singles championship.
- The doubles pairing of **Paige Cline** and **Hadley Berg** finished the season ranked 27th nationally and made the second round of the NCAA double championship
- The Gamecocks won nine matches against teams ranked in the top 40. Top wins included defeating #22 Texas in the 2nd round of the NCAA Tournament, wins over Kentucky when it was ranked #13 and #19, #16 Mississippi State, #18 Arkansas, #19 Tennessee, and #20 Texas A&M.



Mia Horvit



Ingrid Gamarra Martins



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Kevin Epley:** Head Coach
Jeff Nevolo: Assistant Coach
Alex Martin: Volunteer Assistant Coach
Arulram Sriram: Director of Operations
Brittany Williams: Athletic Trainer
David Terry: Stringer
Katie Ethridge: Academic Advisor
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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

SUCCESS ON THE TRACK

NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 49TH
SEC OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 8TH
NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 36TH
SEC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 11TH

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Josh Awotunde** (shot put), **Ben Bonhurst** (shot put), **Markus Leemet** (decathlon), **Isaiah Moore** (110mH), and **Tye Williams** (high jump) were all first-team All-SEC at the outdoor meet.
- The Carolina men finished eighth at the SEC Outdoor Championships, their highest finish since 2010.
- At the indoor SEC championships, **Michael Wamer** was 5th in the triple jump, **Eric Favors** was 5th in the shot put, **Tye Williams** was 6th in the high jump, **Josh Awotunde** 7th in the shot put, **Markus Leemet** was 7th in the heptathlon and **Ben Bonhurst** was 8th in the shot put.
- **Eric Favors** earned a spot on the Freshman All-SEC Team.
- **Ncincillili Titi** ran a school-record 200m time of 20.14 at the Gamecock Invitational April 15 at Cregger Track. For his efforts, he was named the SEC Athlete of the Week.
- **Leemet** broke a 27-year-old school record in the decathlon, totaling 7,720 points at the SEC Championships.
- **Williams** broke a 29-year-old school record in the high jump, leaping 7-4 1/2 at the Penn Relays on April 29.

Josh Awotunde (shot put) and Ncincillili Titi (200m) earned first-team All-America honors indoors, and Isaiah Moore (110m hurdles) and Tye Williams (high jump) made the first team in the outdoor season.



Michael Wamer



Ncincillili Titi



Josh Awotunde



Tye Williams

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Curtis Frye:** Head Coach (Sprints/Hurdles)
- Delethea Quarles:** Assistant Head Coach (Jumps/Multis)
- Kevin Brown:** Assistant Coach (Sprints/Relays/Pole Vault); Recruiting Coordinator
- Mike Sergent:** Assistant Coach (Throws)
- Andrew Allden:** Assistant Coach (Cross Country/Distances)
- Hadrien Choukroun:** Assistant Coach (Sprints/Hurdles/XC)
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- Rob Walden:** Media Relations Contact



WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

SUCCESS ON THE TRACK

NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 52ND
SEC OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 11TH
NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 25TH
SEC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 13TH

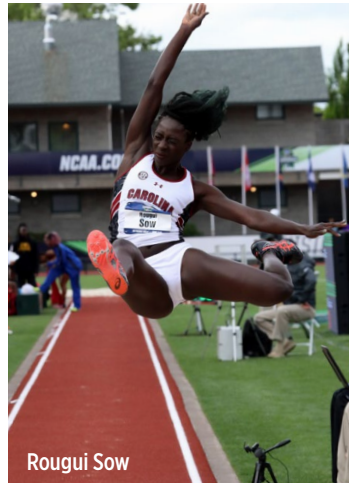
HIGHLIGHTS

- Two Gamecocks earned First-Team All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships: **Natasha Dicks** (triple jump) and **Rougui Sow** (long jump).
- Redshirt senior **Tyler Brockington** won the 400m hurdles at the SEC Championships, Carolina's first win in the event since 2005.
- Carolina's 4x400m relay team earned second-team All-America status indoors, while the 4x100m relay team earned second-team All-America laurels outdoors.
- **Brockington, Natasha Dicks** (triple jump) and **Rougui Sow** (long jump) were All-SEC first-team members at the conference's outdoor meet.
- **Sow** recorded a school-record long jump of 6.72 meters April 7 at the Spec Towns Invitational in Athens, Ga. That stood as the best outdoor long jump mark in the entire world this season for three weeks.
- Senior **Maya Evans** was named the SEC Brad Davis Community Service Leader of the Year. During her collegiate career, Evans accumulated over 700 hours of community service.

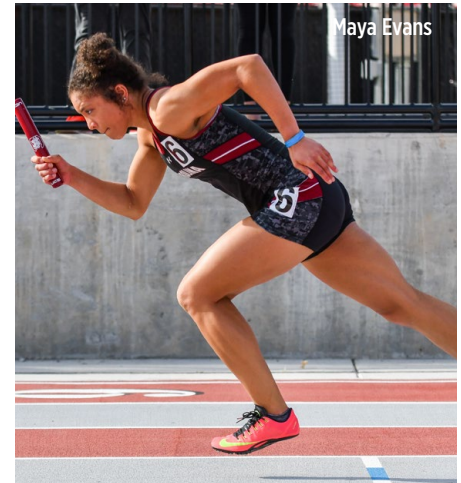
Junior Rougui Sow earned first-team All-America honors in the long jump at the indoor and outdoor national championships.



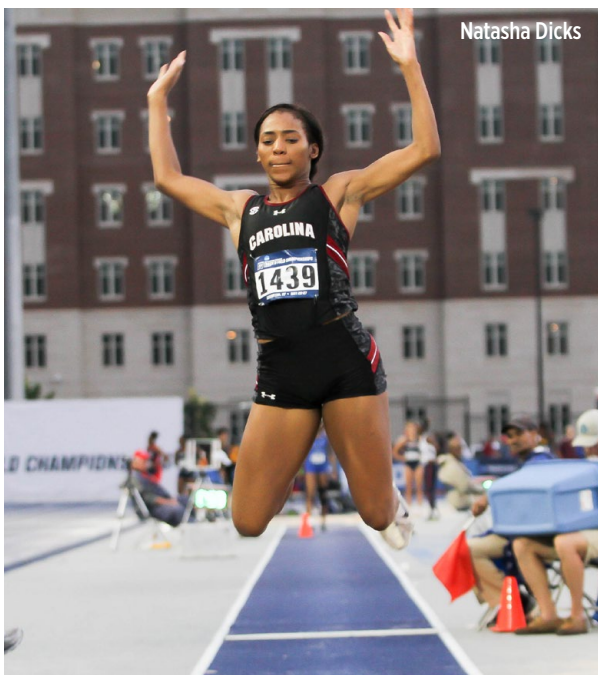
Tyler Brockington



Rougui Sow



Maya Evans



Natasha Dicks

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VOLLEYBALL

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Gamecocks finished the season 18-12 overall, 6-12 in the SEC. The 18 wins are the most for Carolina since 2012 and the .600 winning percentage is the highest for the program since 2008.
- Outside hitter **Mikayla Shields** was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, as voted by the league's coaches. She led the team in kills and hitting percentage and also made the AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention team.
- South Carolina won four tournament titles in 2016 - the College of Charleston Invitational (Aug. 26-27), the Carolina Classic (Sept. 3-4) and Gamecock Invitational (Sept. 16-17) at the Carolina Volleyball Center and the Springhill Suites Invitational, Sept. 9-10, in Statesboro, Ga.
- The team secured its first win at LSU in 13 years after earning a 3-1 decision on Oct. 16.
- **Mikayla Shields** was named to the USA Women's Junior National Team in April. The Orlando, Fla. native is the first member of the program since Shonda Cole in 2006 to make an American national team. She went on to win gold at the Pan American Cup, and will now try out for the U20 World Championship squad.

OVERALL RECORD: 18-12
CONFERENCE: 6-12 (T-9TH)

With a 3-1 win over No. 21 Missouri on Nov. 13, the Gamecocks earned their first win over an AVCA Top-25 team since 2006.



COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

- Scott Swanson:** Head Coach
Dottie Hampton: Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
Shonda Cole: Assistant Coach
Amanda Brown: Director of Volleyball Operations
Alyssa Taylor: Graduate Assistant
Ryan Waterbury: Strength and Conditioning Coach
Jenn Herod: Athletic Trainer
Jon Lowenhagen: Volunteer Assistant
Jewel May: Academic Advisor
Joe Kepler: Media Relations Contact



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Gamecocks led the SEC for the fourth consecutive year with 9,298 hours of community service.

2016-17 Gamecock SEC Community Service Team Representatives

- BASEBALL - Wil Crowe, Jr., Sevierville, Tenn.
- MEN'S BASKETBALL - PJ Dozier, So, Columbia, S.C.
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Alaina Coates, Irmo, S.C.
- EQUESTRIAN - Makayla Clegg, Sr., Social Circle, Ga.
- FOOTBALL - Elliott Fry, Sr., Frisco, Texas
- MEN'S GOLF - Ben Dietrich, Jr., Bluffton, S.C.
- WOMEN'S GOLF - Marianna Monaco, Sr., Yonkers, N.Y.
- WOMEN'S SOCCER - Evelyn Robinson, Sr., McLean, Va.
- SOFTBALL - Macey Webb, Sr., Stanfield, N.C.
- MEN'S S&D - Bryce Kananowicz, Jr., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- WOMEN'S S&D - Marissa Roth, Jr. Signal Mountain, Tenn.
- MEN'S TENNIS - Thomas Mayronne, Jr., Monroe, La.
- South Carolina men's tennis has been named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Carolina Region Community Service Team of the Year
- WOMEN'S TENNIS - Rachel Rohrabacher, So., Tampa, Fla.
- MEN'S T&F/XC - Ryan Bermudez, Sr.
- WOMEN'S T&F/XC - Maya Evans, Jr., Wilson, N.C.
- Senior Maya Evans was named the SEC Brad Davis Community Service Leader of the Year. During her collegiate career, Evans accumulated over 700 hours of community service.
- VOLLEYBALL - Megan Kirkland, Sr., Lugoff, S.C.



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



- A total of 379 South Carolina student-athletes made the 2016-17 SEC Academic Honor Rolls, top among league schools (90-Fall, 78-Winter, 118-Spring, 93-First Year). Carolina student-athletes posted a combined 3.23 GPA for the Spring 2017 semester, marking the 21st consecutive semester of more than a 3.0 GPA for Gamecock student-athletes.
- Fourteen of the eighteen South Carolina athletics teams earned a 3.0 or better GPA this past spring. Women's swimming and diving (3.705) earned its second highest GPA to date, which not only led all of the Gamecock programs this spring, but it also ranked second nationally. Equestrian (3.488), Women's Soccer (3.567), Men's Track & Field (3.265) and Volleyball (3.673) also earned its second-highest GPAs ever recorded.
- A total of 104 Gamecock student-athletes earned their degree following the 2017 spring semester while 33 graduated following the 2016 fall semester. Another 23 expected to graduate in August.
- South Carolina named 66 student-athletes to the President's List (4.0 GPA) this spring, 164 to the Dean's List (3.5 for sophomores and higher/3.25 for freshmen), and 353 to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0).
- The Gamecock cross country team earned the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team nod for the 16th-straight season, ranking 16th overall in the country. The men's and women's track programs earned All-Academic team distinction for the ninth-straight year, and were one of just three SEC schools to have both programs collect the award.
- South Carolina equestrian led the nation with nine NCEA Academic First Team selections and 28 NCEA Honor Roll selections. Senior Bailey Mierzejewski was named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive season.
- Men's soccer senior Kurtis Turner, women's basketball junior Kaela Davis and track and field's redshirt junior Markus Leemet were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District teams.
- University of South Carolina men's swimmer Jonathan Boland earned a spot on the Academic All-America Division I Men's At-Large Third Team.
- The football team recorded its second-highest in-season GPA on record (2.847) during the fall of 2016. The Gamecocks were one of six teams that competed in a 2016 bowl game that owned a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of at least 90 percent. The team ranked first in the SEC and third in the country behind only Stanford and Northwestern in the latest GSR released by the NCAA.
- The volleyball team posted a 3.673 team GPA for the spring, the program's second-highest ever, and senior Megan Kirkland was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 4 Team.
- Men's soccer's Danny Deakin was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America First-Team while goalkeeper William Pyle and defender Ive Burnett, along with Deakin, were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 4 Team. Deakin was also named to Conference USA's Men's Soccer All-Academic Team.
- Women's soccer's Kaleigh Kurtz and Chelsea Drennan were selected as NSCAA First-Team Scholar All-Americans. Paige Bendell and Drennan were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America First-Team and All-District 4 Team. Carolina was the only school to be represented with more than one selection on CoSIDA's first team All-America squad.
- The Gamecock softball senior Victoria Williams made the Academic All-America third team, and the team as a whole had 14 of its student-athletes make the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Easton Scholar-Athlete Listing.
- South Carolina beach volleyball was one of just 19 beach programs to earn the AVCA Team Academic Award, and the Gamecocks are one of just three beach programs in the country to make the AVCA's list for three-consecutive seasons. The indoor program also made the AVCA's list, marking the sixth-straight school year earning the distinction.
- The men's tennis team was named ITA All-Academic honorees for the sixth-consecutive season and had two earn individual scholar athlete honors. The women's tennis program made the list for the fourth-straight season, and had a program-record eight individuals honored by the ITA as scholar athletes.
- Basketball junior TeMarcus Blanton was named to the NABC Honors Court.
- The men's golf team recorded a team GPA of 3.536, earning President's Special Recognition from the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) for having a team GPA of 3.5 or higher. Juniors Keenan Huskey and Ben Dietrich were each named Sirixon/Cleveland Golf All-American Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America.



GAMECOCK FANS

- In the 8 sports in which South Carolina competes that the NCAA keeps attendance statistics, South Carolina finished in the Top 25 in seven sports (average attendance), most of any school in the country. South Carolina led the nation in women's basketball and was 3rd in women's soccer, 5th in baseball, 8th in men's soccer, 11th in softball, 17th in football and 21st in men's basketball. Kentucky, Nebraska and Texas A&M placed in the Top 25 in six of the eight sports.
- South Carolina was the only school to have men's (13,396) and women's (12,853) basketball programs each average more than 10,000 attendance per game.
- South Carolina men's basketball set school records for overall attendance (241,126) and average attendance (13,396) in a single season.
- South Carolina is one of 10 schools, and only three in the SEC, to be ranked in the Top 25 in the nation for both men's (21st) and women's basketball attendance (1st).



- South Carolina is one of 5 schools, and only two in the SEC, to be ranked in the Top 25 in the nation in attendance for men's basketball (21st), women's basketball (1st) and football (17th).
- South Carolina and Portland were the only schools in the nation to be ranked in the Top 10 in attendance for both men's and women's soccer. The Gamecocks were 3rd in the nation in women's soccer average attendance (2,729 average) and were 8th in men's soccer average attendance (2,458 average).
- The men's soccer team broke the single-game attendance record at Stone Stadium on Aug. 26, when 6,892 fans attended the home opener vs. Clemson.
- The Gamecock indoor volleyball team drew the largest crowd in the gym's history on Sept. 4, 2016, when the team's match against rival Clemson was witnessed by a standing-room-only crowd of 2,041. In fact, during the 2016 season alone, South Carolina welcomed in three of the top five crowds in the Carolina Volleyball Center's history.





COMPLETED FACILITIES

Baseball Recruiting Lounge and Media Room

Completed: March 2017 / Cost: \$975,000



MEDIA ROOM

The 1,400-sf addition provides three tiers of stadium seating facing a press-table/stage with a retractable backdrop for press conferences and a projection screen for team meetings and film study for the team.

PLAYER LOUNGE

The room includes a flat screen display with connections for video games, recreational movie viewing and film study. Additional seating, video game stations, and a ping-pong table are included in this space.



Cregger Track Facility

Completed: January 2017 / Cost: \$10,539,500



Basketball and Volleyball Team Space Renovations
 Completed: April 2017 / Cost: \$4,000,000

This project included the creation of a new Men's Basketball office suite, the reconfiguration of the Women's Basketball locker room, lounge areas, and restrooms/showers, and the addition of a Volleyball training room and office. New shared spaces included Men's and Women's Training Rooms and offices, Hydrotherapy, and Rehab rooms with direct access to practice courts. Additionally, a new 3,500-sf Weight/Cardio Room and strength training offices were incorporated for use by all three programs.



CLA Basketball Graphics Event Level
 Completed: January 2017 / Cost: \$305,000

The new graphics in the main corridor at Colonial Life Arena present South Carolina student-athletes and recruits with a beautiful and exciting look at Gamecock basketball. From highlighting Final Four head coach Frank Martin and national champion head coach Dawn Staley, to the SEC and Under Armour panels, the graphics showcase the excitement and passion surrounding the programs.



Golf Practice Facility
 Completed: October 2016 / Cost: \$1,500,000



Gamecock Park (Bojangles) Site Development
 Completed: September 2016 / Cost: \$800,000



FUTURE FACILITIES



Football Operations Building

Anticipated Completion Date:
November 2018

Approximate Cost:
\$50,000,000





CLA Video & Ribbon Boards

Anticipated Completion Date: August 2017

Approximate Cost: \$4.2M



WBS Gamecock Sculpture for the Heisman Plaza

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2018

Approximate Cost: \$995,000



Indoor Track and Field Facility

Anticipated Completion Date: January 2018

Approximate Cost: \$4,237,300



ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT REPORT



ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S CABINET

PURPOSE

- To provide vision and advice for the direction of the athletics department and athletics programs.
- To serve as the primary prospecting and fundraising advisory group for South Carolina Athletics.
- To function as the ambassadors for South Carolina Athletics among key South Carolina constituencies, stating our case and potentially making joint visits.
- To assist with the implementation of the Master Plan for Athletics Facilities, campaign case statement and marketing strategy.
- To serve as a trusted sounding board for the Athletics Director on important issues.

MEMBERS

Dan Adams

President, CEO & Founder of Capital Corporation

Dodie Anderson

Former Co-owner of Anderson Hardwood Floors

Jeff Archie

Senior VP & Chief Nuclear Officer of SCANA Corporation

Joe Blanchard

President and CEO of Blanchard Machinery Company

Mark Buyck

Partner, Willcox, Buyck & Williams, P.A.

Sheila Cregger

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Giving Level	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Diamond Spur	12	11	11	11	13	12	13	13
Platinum Spur	25	26	25	23	45	50	46	47
Golden Spur	114	121	110	119	121	133	135	129
Garnet Spur	85	78	83	76	96	101	106	107
Car Dealer	51	51	54	53	55	54	57	57
Silver Spur	1,162	1,151	1,170	1,185	1,214	1,176	1,133	1,110
Full Scholarship	2,216	2,136	2,116	2,113	2,173	2,145	2,085	2,010
Half Scholarship	2,178	2,227	2,213	2,285	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,484
Roundhouse	1,863	2,117	2,409	2,576	2,987	2,990	2,742	2,609
Century	2,570	3,308	3,550	3,731	4,205	3,878	3,767	3,342
Roost	1,605	2,443	2,586	1,688	2,368	2,392	1,650	1,245
Junior			880	1,080	1,046	982	992	772
Student					2,152	2,830	1,929	83
Total	12,113	13,896	15,430	16,931	19,120	19,269	17,299	14,219
REVENUE	\$12.2M	\$11.7M	\$13.2M	\$13.1M	\$14.01M	\$14.1M	\$14.5M	\$14.1M

*As of 7/13/17. Please note: each giving year is from January to January.

GAME DAY ATTENDANCE

	Home Total	Home Games	Home Avg.	NCAA Rank
Baseball	258,407	36	7,178	N/A
MBB	241,126	18	13,396	21
WBB	196,431	16	12,277	1
Football	538,441	7	76,920	17
MSOC	29,493	12	2,458	8
WSOC	38,209	14	2,729	3
Softball	37,686	31	1,216	11
VBALL	16,414	15	1,094	41

1.37 MILLION

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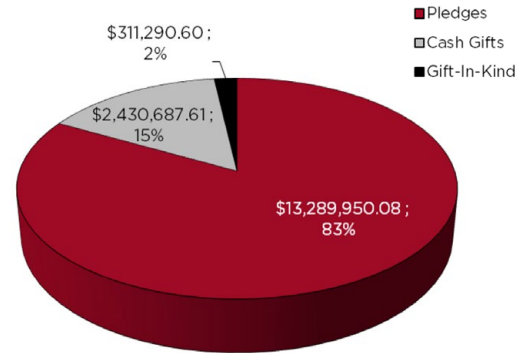
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107.5 The Game - Flagship station of the Gamecocks

- "Inside the Roost" at Hilton Columbia Center in the Vista (Mondays at 7:00pm)
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TOP 20 South Carolina is one of only eight schools to be ranked in the Top 20 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube

Summary/Highlights

South Carolina has one of the largest social media followings among NCAA programs, ranking among the Top 20 in followers on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. **South Carolina is one of only eight schools to be ranked in the Top 20 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube**, joined by Auburn, Florida, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. Beyond just following, Gamecock fans are highly engaged on social media, sharing photos, videos, commenting and cheering on their team.

Fans may view all the ways to connect with Gamecock Athletics online at <http://GamecocksOnline.com/Connect>

Platforms



FACEBOOK

[Facebook.com/GamecocksOnline](https://www.facebook.com/GamecocksOnline)
602,999 likes,
Ranked 14th nationally and 6th in SEC

Facebook continues to have the largest following of any social media platform and is a place for Gamecock fans to gather and engage, both during events and throughout the year, as well as to find our can't-miss content. We post videos, high quality photos and graphics, feature videos and stories from GamecocksOnline.com, and questions to spark discussion. Our fans are the focus, highlighted by our fan photo features and several themed fan photo albums. Facebook is the place to see the best videos and catch Facebook Live streams from football games and more.



TWITTER

[@GamecocksOnline](https://twitter.com/GamecocksOnline)
234,630 followers,
Ranked 11th nationally and 5th in SEC

From July 2016 to June 2017 the main [@GamecocksOnline](https://twitter.com/GamecocksOnline) Twitter account earned 73,078 new followers, a 45% increase and large cumulative growth year-over-year compared to 2015-16.

Twitter continues to be the go-to source for breaking news and information. We use it to release news, post in-game updates, share photos and behind-the-scenes action, answer questions, provide customer service, and engage with fans on a daily basis. Fans join us in widely using the #Gamecocks, #SpursUp, and #ForeverToThee hashtags to track and join conversations about South Carolina teams.

In addition to the main athletics department account, every South Carolina team has an individual team Twitter account. Among college baseball programs **the @GamecockBaseball team account has the 2nd most followers in the country (163,921)** behind only LSU. With the success of the team, including this year's National Championship run, exclusive content, and inside access through photos and videos, the women's basketball team account (@GamecockWBB) has grown to 41,524 followers, the third-largest follower count in the country.

Among coaches who are tracked, women's basketball head coach **Dawn Staley is the most-followed head coach in her sport in the country** with 56,817 followers. Football head coach Will Muschamp is ranked No. 5 in college football with over 253,000 followers, an increase of over 100,000 followers since last year. Men's Basketball head coach Frank Martin is also in the top 10 at No. 7 in college basketball with 77,979 followers. New Baseball coach Mark Kingston is already in the top 25 at No. 22.

Also ranked in the Top 25 for followers in their sports are Equestrian (@GamecockEQ, No. 4), Football (@GamecockFB, No. 12), Men's Golf (@GamecockMGolf, No. 19), Women's Golf (No. 22, @GamecockWGGolf), Men's Soccer (@GamecockMSoccer, No. 19), Women's Soccer (@GamecockWSoccer, No. 18), Men's Tennis (@GamecockMTennis, No. 22), Women's Tennis (@GamecockWTennis, No. 23) and Swimming & Diving (@GamecockSwim, No. 25). The Gamecocks' beloved mascot, Cockey (@Cockey2001), is No. 5 in the country with over 37,100 Twitter followers.

Most of the Gamecocks' head coaches as well as Athletics Director Ray Tanner have individual Twitter accounts. A full directory may be found at <http://GamecocksOnline.com/Connect>.



YOUTUBE

[YouTube.com/GamecocksOnline](https://www.youtube.com/GamecocksOnline)
22,259 subscribers,
Ranked 15th nationally and 5th in SEC

Our YouTube channel generated 4,264,325 views from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017. The staying power of high quality videos on YouTube is evidenced by several videos remaining in the Top 10 for views despite being online for multiple years.



INSTAGRAM

[instagram.com/GamecocksOnline](https://www.instagram.com/GamecocksOnline)
77,601 followers, 20th nationally and 8th in SEC

On Instagram we focus on posting high quality photos from our events, fans, and our archives. New this year we also often use the Instagram Story feature to post content in real time. Several Gamecock squads also have team-specific Instagram accounts. Fans can find all of them at <http://GamecocksOnline.com/connect>.



SNAPCHAT

Several of our Gamecock teams have joined the fun on Snapchat, posting quick video clips and funny photos to their stories. Our Snapchat accounts give an inside look at practices, games, and student-athlete personalities. We also regularly add custom geofilters for our events and venues, such as the Carolina Baseball pennant at Founders Park and stadium silhouette at Williams-Brice Stadium. Find teams to add on Snapchat at <http://GamecocksOnline.com/connect>

*All numbers and data current as of June 14, 2017. Rankings data maintained by Auburn University and University of Tennessee.



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Jimmy Mitchell - Football (1969-71)

Sidney Rice - Football (2005-06)

David Seawell - Golf (1993-96)

Justin Smoak - Baseball (2006-2008)

Jim Carlen, Head Football Coach and Athletics Director (1975-81)

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